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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph.

[0001] This application ~~claims priority from a~~ is a continuation of application Serial Number 09/800,114, filed March 6, 2001, ~~having the same title~~ now U.S. Patent No. 6,830,352 B2 issued 12/14/2004.

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] The Figs. 1 to 4 show a first embodiment of the invention in various presentations. Fig. 1 shows a side view, depicting a mirror housing 2, which comprises a mirror housing framing 4 and a mirror housing cover 5. In the mirror housing 2 is placed a mirror element 6. The entire rear view mirror is fastened by means of clamping ~~connection~~ connector 8 on a holder tube, element or part 10. The clamping connection 8 comprises a first clamping part in the form of the mirror housing framing 4 and a second clamping part in the form of a clamping bracket 12.

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] As may be inferred from the sectional drawings in Fig. 2 and 3, the mirror housing framing 4 ~~possesses~~ is configured forming a through-like recess 14 within which the holder tube 10 is partially encased. The clamping bracket or part 12

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~~possesses~~ is also configured forming a similar trough-like recess 16. Thus, as a result of the double, opposed trough-like ~~structures~~ recesses 14, 16, the holder tube 10 is nearly completely circumferentially encased, and a large surface is made available for the transmission of forces. Extending in a first direction from the trough ~~structure~~ recesses 16 of the bracket 12 are a plurality of hook elements 18 which extend in comb-like fashion. Extending from the other side of the trough ~~structure~~ recess 16 is part 20 of the bracket 12 with extensions 48 for screw fastenings or connectors 26. The hook elements 18 fit into a corresponding hook opening 22 in the mirror housing framing 4. As one can see in Figs. 2 and 4, the part 20 of the clamping bracket 12 is connected to the mirror housing framing 4 by means of four screws or connectors 26 which pass through extensions 48 and secure in receptor openings formed in mirror housing framing 4.

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] Figs. 3 and 4 show that the mirror element 6, inclusive of a mirror pane 30, a glass carrier plate 32 and an electric motor driven mirror positioning apparatus 34, is connected to part or arm 20 of the clamping bracket 12. In this way, the mirror adjustment apparatus 34 is fastened onto the part 20 of the ~~clamp~~ clamping bracket 12. To accomplish this, the mirror positioning apparatus 34 is screwed onto the receptor 47 of part or arm 20 of the clamping bracket 12 by means of four screw connections 24.

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Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] The four screw connectors or connections 24, i.e. screws, enter the part or arm 20 of the clamping bracket 12 (in Fig. 3) from the side proximal to the mirror pane 30. The glass carrier plate 32, with its attendant mirror pane 30, is fastened onto the mirror positioning apparatus 34 by means of a detent connection 36. The glass carrier plate 32 is without a surrounding rim construction, as discussed in EP 0 659 609 B1, and a periphery 31 of the mirror pane 30 extends slightly outward beyond a periphery 33 of the glass carrier plate 32. To this extent, EP 0 659 609 B1 is incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph:

[0029] Fig. 4 shows a view of the mirror housing framing 4 from the front without the mirror element 6. The mirror housing framing 4 possesses three openings 38a, 38b, 38c for internal installation purposes and for weight reduction. The somewhat rectangular clamping bracket 12 exhibits in its screwed-on part or arms 20 an opening 40, which overlaps the central opening 38b (shown in phantom) in the mirror housing framing 4. In the remaining upper and lower edge strips 42, 44, respectively, are provided the four extensions 48 receiving connectors or screws 26 for connecting the clamping bracket 12 with the mirror housing framing 4. On the upper and the lower strips 42, 44 are four screw connectors 24 and four holding arms 47 for the screw

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connection of the mirror positioning adjustment apparatus 34 to the clamping bracket 12.

Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following amended paragraph:

[0032] Fig. 5 shows a side view of a second embodiment of the invention similar to the presentation of Fig. 1. This second embodiment of the invention differs from the first embodiment in that the holding element 10 is not a continuous holding tube, but is rather constructed as a two-piece holding component or spaced holding tubes with a first and a second holding arm 50 and 52. In this case, the first holding arm 50 is secured by the upper edge strip 42 of the clamping bracket 12 and the second holding arm 52 is secured by the lower edge strip 44 of the clamping bracket 12. Otherwise, the construction of the second embodiment agrees in all details with the first embodiment.